WRITTEN! ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Shortage of trainer aircraft

*106. SHRI SURESH KALMADL Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whethere it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of aircraft for imparting training to pilots;

(b) whether it is also a fact that ^'nere is shortage of professional pilot instructors; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to remove these shortages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTL-ER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yejr, Sir.

(c) The following steps have been taken to improve the situation: —

(i) Indira Gandhi Rash/riya Uran Academy has been" established at Fursatganj in Uttar Pradesh for training of Commercial Pilots.

(ii) Flying Clubs have embarked upon a plan of training Pilot Instructors.

... New Traijti Service between Hyderabad and Cochin

♦107. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce n new train service between Hyderabad and Cochin;

(b) if so, by when it is expected to be introduced;

(c) whether Government propose to extend it to Cape Comorin (Kan-ya Kum&ri) to facilitate tourist flow; . and

(d) if the answer to part (a) above be i[n] the negative, what other steps Government propos$_e$ to take to connect Hyderabad directly with Cape Comorin (Kanya Kumari) in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI 'MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) It is proposed to intro. duce a new weekly train between Hyderabad and Cochin from April, 1987.

(c) and (d) Due to inadequate line capacity on the single line section between Ernakulam and Triva-ndrum, extension beyond Cochin is not feasible at present. Tourists can, however, travel to Kanyaku-mari by the existing services.

Dqrailmej it of Tirupati-IIyderabad Ra(alseema Express

•108. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRiIMATl RENUKA CHOWDHURY;

Will the Minister of. RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's atten tion has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the States man dated Hth February, 1987 wherein it has been stated that five coaches and the engine of the Tirupati-iHyderabad Rayalseema Express derailed between Nagar-palli and Lingambpalli on 10th Feb ruary, 1987;

(b) if so, what is the cause. of this accident;

(c) the estimated loss of life and property as a result thereof; and

(d) whe'lher any inquiry has since been conducted and if so, the action taken by Government in regard the reto?